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Kids' Summer Kick-Off Celebration!

Free Event June 10 at Eden Park Celebrates Cincinnati Parks Nature Camps

CINCINNATI (May 23, 2006) – Bring the family and come to the *free* “Kids’ Summer Kick-Off Celebration” from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at Eden Park’s Seasongood Pavilion. Live music on stage, an amazing juggler, clowns, a marionette show, the Bucket Boyz, balloon artists, the Park’s Nature Ed, face painters and others will entertain children at this kick-off to summer celebration.

The free event at Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park on June 10 features:

- ▶ **The Hooley Band**, performing traditional Irish music including jigs, reels, barn dances, slip-jigs and slow airs. The trio is composed of Rosie Carson, age 13, vocals and fiddle, who won first place at the 2004 Midwest Fleadh Cheoil (National Irish Music Competition); Simone Westerkamp, age 14, Irish dance and tin whistles, who took second place at the 2002 Fleadh Cheoil; and Robert Curtin, age 13, fiddle and foolishness, who won second place with Simone at the 2002 Fleadh Cheoil.
- ▶ **Wild Carrot**, an award-winning duo of musicians (Pamela Temple and Spencer Funk), who perform traditional and not-so-traditional folk songs, jazz and blues on guitar, mandolin, penny whistle and other acoustic instruments.
- ▶ **Juggler and Storyteller Tom Sparough**, known as *The Space Painter*, who has thrilled children across North America with his interactive juggling. He juggles everything from toilet plungers to small human beings!
- ▶ **Frisch Marionettes**, delighting children & adults with hand-carved marionette puppet theatre in the traditional style of 19th century European Puppetry (Think Pinocchio!)
- ▶ **Funny Companie Clowns**, skilled volunteers who have been entertaining children for years on behalf of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.
- ▶ **Fairview German School Choir**, a children’s choir that sings in German and English, under the direction of Frau Katie Hofmann.
- ▶ **School for the Creative and Performing Arts Drama Ensemble**, performing excerpts from *Hawaiian Tempest*.
- ▶ **The Lincoln Park Bucket Boyz**, a young percussion group a la *Stomp*.
- ▶ **Nature Ed** from the Cincinnati Parks
- ▶ **Balloon Artists and Face Painters**

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Kids also can register for Cincinnati Parks' 2006 summer camps at an on-site registration booth at the Eden Park event. The Cincinnati Parks summer camp season begins the following Monday, June 12.

Saturday, June 10, also is Intergenerational Day at the Krohn Conservatory's Butterfly Show presented by National City. InstaProPhoto will set up from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. taking instant photos and producing laminated photo keepsakes, complete with a special 2006 Butterfly Show border frame. The 2006 Show features the theme "Butterflies Down Under," because of its emphasis on the Australian butterfly species, *Papilio ulysses* and *Ornithoptera priamus*, which highlight the butterfly 10,000-plus butterfly collection. The 2006 Butterfly Show is open daily through June 18, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for children ages 5-17. Children 4 and under are free. For those interested in numerous visits over the six-week Show, admission pins will be available for \$10 that allows unlimited entry for one adult or child. For additional information about the 2006 Butterfly Show, please call 513-421-5707 (TTY 513-352-3380) or visit us on the Internet at www.butterflyshow.com.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will share information on children's health matters at the event. The Cincinnati Art Museum, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary with 125 days of events this spring and summer, will have art information at the Kids' Summer Kick-Off Celebration.

Overflow parking for "Kids' Summer Kick-Off Celebration" at the Seabrook Pavilion is available free at the nearby Cincinnati Art Museum in Eden Park.

The Cincinnati Parks Nature Camps are the grand-dame of summer camps in the region. The camps have been held every summer for more than 75 years. Kids hike through forests and fields, explore creeks and wetlands. They canoe, fish, build campfires and learn outdoor survival skills. Cincinnati Park Board naturalists and camp counselors serve as guides and instructors as children explore nature.

Cincinnati Parks camps are held all over town, from Mount Airy Forest to California Woods, from Mount Echo Park to French Park, and from Rapid Run to Ault Park. They are close to every city neighborhood.

Cincinnati Parks Nature Camps are for children who have completed kindergarten through 11 years old. Each Nature Camp session is one-week long and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each Camp's fee is \$50 for Cincinnati residents and \$60 for others (\$10 less for the week of July 4, because the camp is four days.) Each child decorates a free Camp T-shirt to bring home. For more information and registration details for all Cincinnati Parks camps, call **513-352-4080** or visit the Parks on the web at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks.



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